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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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## A Bill,

Authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases.

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1    Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*  
2    *the United States of America, in congress assembled,* That the  
3    Comptroller of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to di-  
4    rect debentures for drawbacks of duties to be issued in cases hap-  
5    pening after the passage of this act, where the oath required from  
6    the exporters that the goods noticed for exportation are intended to  
7    be exported, and are not intended to be relanded within the United  
8    States, shall not have been taken within the term limited by law ;  
9    or where the bond required from such exporters by the eighty-first  
10   section of the “ Act to regulate the collection of duties on imports  
11   and tonnage,” shall not have been given within the term limited by

12 law; if in the opinion of the said comptroller, the omission or  
13 omissions shall have taken place without wilful negligence, or any  
14 intention of fraud; and if all the other acts and things required by  
15 law in order to entitle the exporter or exporters to a debenture, shall  
16 have been done and performed: *Provided*, however, that the par-  
17 ty or parties shall apply to the said comptroller for relief within  
18 sixty days after the expiration of the term limited by law, for taking  
19 the said oath, and giving the said bond; *and provided also*, that  
20 the oath shall be taken, and that the bond shall be given previous  
21 to the issuing of the debenture.

1   Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Comptroller of the  
2 Treasury be, and he is hereby likewise authorized, under the same  
3 limitations and restrictions, to direct debentures to be issued in si-  
4 milar cases which may have happened within three years prior to  
5 the passing of this act: *Provided*, that the benefit of this section  
6 shall extend only to cases where application for relief had been  
7 made before the passing of this act, either by petition to congress,  
8 or in writing to the treasury department.

1   Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in every case where a  
2 debenture shall be issued by virtue of this act, five per centum on  
3 the amount of drawback allowed by law, shall be retained for the  
4 use of the United States, by the collector issuing such debenture,  
5 in addition to the sum heretofore directed by law to be so retained.